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CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5934

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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 24 AUGUST 1973

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO.

REF: VIENTIANE 5863

I. MILITARY SITUATION:

ONLY ONE INCIDENT REPORTED THROUGHOUT LAOS AUGUST 22-24. ENEMY-
INITIATED MINOR GROUND ATTACK IN MR-I ON AUGUST 19 WHEN ENEMY
PLATOON CLASHED WITH FRIENDLY COMPANY 52 KMS NNW BAN HOU EI SAI.
NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. RLAF FLEW NO COMBAT SORTIES.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. SOUVANNA'S SUCCESSFUL QUELLING OF THE AUGUST 20 COUP ATTEMPT
SEEMS TO HAVE STRENGTHENED HIS HAND VIS-A-VIS CONSERVATIVES WHO HAVE
CONTINUED QUALMS ABOUT CERTAIN PORTIONS OF DRAFT PROTOCOL.
CONSERVATIVES DID VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AT AUGUST 22 CABINET
MEETING, AS WELL AS AT AN EXTRAORDINARY JOINT MEETING OF CABINET
AND RANKING RLGA F GENERALS ON AUGUST 23. DESPITE THESE RE-
SERVATIONS, CONSERVATIVES REPORTEDLY INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR
SOUVANNA'S LEADERSHIP.

B. LPF NEGOTIATOR PHOUN SIPRASEUTH RETURNED FROM SAM NEUA ON
AUGUST 23, AND WHILE HE HAS PUBLICLY TAKEN AN UNYIELDING POSITION,
IT APPEARS THAT LPF MAY HAVE AUTHORIZED "FINAL CONCESSION" RE-
QUESTED BY SOUVANNA. IF THIS IS SO, AND IF SOUVANNA RETAINS AC-
QUIESCENCE OF THE RIGHTISTS, THEN THE END TO LAO INTERNAL TALKS
MAY WELL BE AT HAND.

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